GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations on failure to obtain the Service Register (SR) of the main Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, AEE (late) from the concerned authorities while claiming the salary and continuing him in service upto the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016, beyond the actual date of his retirement – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District-Charge framed–Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 227 Dated: 05-04-2025

Read the following:-

Ref:- 1.Letter Rc. No.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt.22.05.2019 of DG, ACB.
2.Letter RC.No.144/RCT-NNL/2016, dt.24.6.2021 of DG, ACB.
3.G.O.Rt.No.384,PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt 15.07.2021.
4.G.O.Rt.No.385,PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.15.07.2021.
5.WSD, dt.09.08.2021 of Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District.
6.G.O.Rt.No.813, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.08.09.2022.
7.D.O.Lr.No.60/COI-RPT/2022, dt.31.05.2023 of Member, COI, G.A. Dept.
8.Govt.Memo No.13332/Vig.II/2016-14, dt.12.07.2023.
9.Representation, dt.04.08.2023 of Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District.

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ORDER:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., in the references 1st and 2nd read above, has furnished the reports on the allegation of cheating the Government in continuing the main Accused Officer, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore District (expired) in service up to the date of his ACB trap on 28-11-2016 in his office, when he demanded and accepted bribe for an amount of Rs.55,000/- from Sri Lekkala Pedda Mala Konda Reddy for recording measurements of CC road works in M.Book, beyond the actual date of retirement and recommended to place the defense of Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District before the Commissionerate of Inquiries for violation of Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 among others.

2. Based on the above recommendations and allegations, Government in the reference 3rd read above, initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri D.Ravi Kumar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Dattaluru (M), SPSR Nellore District (expired) and 11 others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, framed the following article of charge under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, against Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:-

Charge:

The Government servant while working as Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri from 01.06.2010 to 21.07.2011 failed to update the service particulars and also calling for the service register of Sri Durgam Ravi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer from the concerned authorities while claiming the first salary of Sri Durgam Ravi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer in PRI Sub-division, Udayagiri.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged officer, Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District has submitted his Written Statement of defense and denied the charge framed against him. After examining and having not satisfied with the Written Statement of defense, Government entrusted the case to the COI and appointed Sri R.P.Thakur, I.P.S. (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against them and also appointed Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department has submitted inquiry report, dt.31.05.2023, wherein, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District, as not proved, among others.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer, Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, for his representation, if any, on the findings of the inquiry report. Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, the charged officer, Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District has submitted his representation and accepted the findings of the Inquiring Officer to drop the charge framed against him.

6. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby drop further action against Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District in the matter, as the charge framed against him is held as not proved in the inquiry.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri R.Venkata Kaladhar Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Udayagiri, SPSR Nellore District (**Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada).

Copy to:

The General Administration (COI-R) Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
SF/SC(420332).

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SECTION OFFICER